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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND MOLINA

MARCH 22, 2005

On February 4, 2005, in response to proclamations by the County of Los Angeles and the State of California, President Bush declared a major disaster for damage to private and public property from severe storms, flooding, debris flows and mudslides that occurred over the period of December 27, 2004 through January 11, 2005.

The County's roadway infrastructure suffered substantial damage requiring both immediate emergency response and the longer term restoration work in order to bring the County's roadway network back in to operation. The amount of roadway damage sustained to County unincorporated roads due to these rainstorms has exceeded the roadway damaged sustained during the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.

A portion of the costs for these repairs is expected to be reimbursed by disaster-related funding programs through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). County staff believes that less than one-half of the estimated cost will be reimbursed through those sources.

Costs not reimbursed by these programs will need to be funded through existing local funding sources. Funding for the maintenance and repair of our road system is provided almost entirely through the use of fuel tax revenues that are distributed on a formula basis by the State. This funding has largely remained unchanged for the past 10 years.

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Approval of Assembly Bill 2928 in 2000, and voter approval of Proposition 42 in 2002, dedicated the State portion of sales tax revenues on motor fuels to preservation of our local roadway system. The dedication of this needed funding was suspended in Fiscal Years 2003-04 and again in 2004-05 due to State Budget deficits. The Governor also now proposes to continue to suspend the allocation of the State sales tax on motor fuels as part of his Budget proposal for 2005-06. The net result is a loss of \$60 million over three years for the maintenance and preservation of our roads.

Without Proposition 42 revenue and a more predictable revenue stream, County staff is unable to prevent our local roads from deteriorating, much less cope with the roadway restoration needs as a result of the January 2005 Rainstorms. The current cost to restore our roadways as a result of damage sustained in these rainstorms is estimated to be \$83 million. County staff believes that less than one-half of the estimated cost will be reimbursed through FHWA and FEMA reimbursement.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the County Board of Supervisors shall make available from its General Fund \$60 million to finance the costs to restore County roadways damaged as a result of the January 2005 Rainstorms. Any reimbursements that Public Works receives from the State and Federal sources will be returned to the General Fund. Public Works reports that this funding will be needed as part of their FY 2005-06 Budget.

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April 29, 2005

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

STORM DAMAGE TO COUNTY BEACHES (ITEM NO. 15, AGENDA OF MARCH 22, 2005)

On March 22, 2005, your board directed my office, in consultation with the Director of Beaches and Harbors, to report back on the damage to County beaches caused by severe storms, flooding, and mud slides that occurred between December 27, 2004, and January 11, 2005. We are working with the Department of Beaches and Harbors to complete a full assessment of the damage and to develop a feasible funding plan for the necessary repairs. We will provide a full report to your board on this plan as part of budget deliberations in June 2005.

If you have any questions, you may contact me or your staff may contact Jan Takata, of my staff, at (213) 974-1360.

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